

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Patti Harrington
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: February 6, 2009

DISCUSSION: Reductions in Length of the School Year

Background: The USOE recently requested that LEAs provide their plans for managing the reductions of revenue that are anticipated with the current economic conditions and projections. Several of these plans included reductions in school days. R277-419 *Pupil Accounting* establishes the length of the school year. Any change in the number of school days or the total instructional time by an LEA would require Board action. It would be useful for LEAs to receive guidance from the Board as to whether or not such reductions would receive consideration.

Proposal: The Law and Policy committee will discuss the proposals of LEAs to reduce school days. Staff will be prepared with information regarding the number of districts considering this option and the effects this would have.

Anticipated Action: The Committees will discuss the issues relating the reducing school days and give a recommendation to the full Board for its consideration.

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